# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

# NOTICE TO BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARERS THAT THEY SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN NOTICE TO DEBTORS

Pursuant to the April 8, 2005, amendment to General Order Number 89, In the matter of Bankruptcy Petition Preparers, (a copy of the amendment is attached) bankruptcy petition preparers, effective June 1, 2005, are required to provide to the debtor the written notice stated therein. The bankruptcy petition preparer is required to certify that the written notice was in fact provided to the debtors. This certification may be included in the preparer's disclosure of compensation.

The April 8, 2005, amendment also includes a requirement that starting with cases filed June 1, 2005, the document preparer is required to electronically file certain documents. To be able to do the electronic filing required, a document preparer will need to obtain a limited use electronic filing password. To obtain this password, you must attend an electronic filing training class given by the clerk's office. To schedule a class for Phoenix, call 602-682-4900, and to schedule a class for Tucson, call 520-202-7552.

Dated: April 12, 2005

Terrence S. Miller
Clerk of Court

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In the matter of	)	
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	)	AMENDMENT TO
BANKRUPTCY PETITION	)	GENERAL ORDER NO. 89
PREPARERS	)	
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General Order No. 89 is hereby amended by adding the following.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. Effective June 1, 2005, the following documents are required to be electronically filed, in the manner directed in any instructions issued by the clerk, by the document preparer who prepared the document. Paper filings are subject to rejection as provided in General Order No. 87 as amended.

Mailing List of Creditors

Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs (except for amendments)

Debtor's Statement of Intention

Disclosure of Compensation of Bankruptcy Preparer

Exhibits to these documents

- 2. The debtor(s) shall file with the clerk of court the paper bankruptcy petition and Statement of Social Security Number containing their original signature(s).
- 3. Paper copies of the Schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs and the Statement of Intention containing the debtor(s) original signatures shall be provided to and retained by the Office of the United States Trustee.
- 4. A document preparer who provides his/her full Social Security Number on their ECF Password Registration and who thereafter makes the above required electronic filings may, in lieu of placing his/her Social Security Number on documents they prepare, instead place his/her Arizona Supreme Court Certified Legal Document Preparer number on the documents and on the Disclosure of Compensation of Bankruptcy Preparer.

5. Before preparing any document for filing or before accepting any fees from a debtor, the document preparer shall provide to the debtor the written notice stated below.. The document preparer shall certify that the written notice was provided the debtor. Such certification may be included in the Disclosure of Compensation of Bankruptcy Preparer.

### IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DOCUMENT PREPARERS

Document preparers are not lawyers and cannot give you legal advice. They cannot advise whether bankruptcy is right for you, or which kind of bankruptcy (*e.g.*, Chapter 7 or Chapter 13) is more appropriate for you.

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A document preparer cannot advise you whether you can claim certain property as exempt.

A debtor must file Schedules that list *all* of the debtor's property and debts. A document preparer cannot advise you that some property or debt need not be listed in the Schedules.

In Arizona, all document preparers must be certified by the Arizona Supreme Court, and must include their certification number in every document they prepare. Document preparers cannot collect or pay your filing fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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(Pursuant to General Order No. 89 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, this notice is to be provided to the debtor(s) before preparing any documents for filing and before accepting any fees. This notice is not to be filed with the bankruptcy court. The document preparer is required to certify that the debtor(s) were provided this written notice and such certification may be included in the disclosure of compensation.)